Please amend the present application as follows:

Claims

The following is a copy of Applicant's claims that identifies language being added with underlining ("___") and language being deleted with strikethrough ("———") or brackets ("[[ ]]"), as is applicable:

1.   (Currently amended) A computer-implemented method, comprising:

<u>a port monitor of a print server</u> associating a print job with a unique job identifier prior to sending the job to a printing device;

<u>the port monitor of the print server</u> obtaining pre-print information about the print job;

<u>the port monitor of the print server</u> obtaining post-print information about the print job;

<u>the port monitor of the print server</u> correlating the pre-print information and the post-print information using the unique job identifier; and

<u>the port monitor of the print server</u> storing the correlated pre-print information and post print information for later reference.

2.   (Original) A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the pre-print information is received from an operating system.

3.   (Currently amended) A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the post-print information is obtained from a peripheral <u>the printing device</u>.

4.   (Currently amended) A method as recited in claim 3, wherein the ~~peripheral~~ the printing device is selected from among a group of ~~peripherals~~ devices comprising a printer and a facsimile machine.

5.   (Original) A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the obtaining post-print information step comprises use of SNMP Gets.

6.   (Canceled)

7.   (Currently amended) A method as recited in claim 1, additionally comprising the port monitor of the print server sending ~~the unique job identifier,~~ the correlated pre-print information[[,]] and ~~the~~ post-print information to a job table on a peripheral.

8.   (Currently amended) A method as recited in claim 1, additionally comprising the port monitor of the print server sending ~~the unique job identifier,~~ the correlated pre-print information[[,]] and ~~the~~ post-print information to a management server.

9.   (Currently amended) A method as recited in claim ~~4~~ 8, ~~further comprising~~ ~~transferring~~ wherein sending the correlated pre-print information and ~~the~~ post-print information ~~to a management server~~ comprises sending the correlated pre-print information and post-print information to the management server upon realization of a threshold.

10.   (Previously presented) A method as recited in claim 9, wherein the threshold is selected from a group of thresholds comprising an elapsed time threshold, a storage level threshold, and a print job quantity threshold.

11.   (Original) A method as recited in claim 9, additionally comprising adjusting a value at which the threshold triggers the transfer of data.

12.   (Original) A method as recited in claim 1, additionally comprising polling a peripheral to determine if the peripheral has finished with the print job.

13.   (Original) A method as recited in claim 12, wherein the polling step comprises varying the rate of polling as the peripheral works on the print job.

14.   (Original) A method as recited in claim 1, additionally comprising requesting the peripheral to send a trap with print information.

15-26. (Canceled)

27.   (Previously presented) A port monitor that operates on a peripheral server, comprising:

a job information collection module configured to assign unique job identifiers to print jobs, to collect and correlate pre-print and post-print information, the pre-print information being obtained from a host operating system and the post-print information being obtained from a peripheral device that is configured to print jobs, and to store the correlated pre-print information and post print information for later reference.

28.   (Previously presented) The port monitor of claim 27, additionally comprising a data store in communication with the job information collection module, the data store being configured to store the pre-print and post-print information.

29.   (Previously presented) The port monitor of claim 27, additionally comprising a data transfer module in communication with the job information collection module, the data transfer module being configured to transfer data from the job information collection module.

30.   (Previously presented) The port monitor of claim 27, additionally comprising an SNMP module in communication with the job information collection module.

31. (Currently amended) At least one computer-readable media having computer readable instructions thereon, which when executed by a ~~computer~~ print server, cause the ~~computer~~ print server to:

receive a print job;

wrap the print job with a unique job identifier to create a wrapped print job;

send the wrapped print job to a printer;

obtain pre-print information from an operating system;

obtain post-print information from the printer;

correlate the pre-print information and the post-print information associated with the unique job identifier; and

store the correlated pre-print information and post print information for later reference.

32. (Previously presented) A computer-readable media as recited in claim 31, to additionally cause the ~~computer~~ print server to poll to determine if the printer has finished with the print job.

33. (Original) A computer-readable media as recited in claim 32, to additionally cause the ~~computer~~ print server to vary a rate of polling as the printer works on the print job.

34-36. (Canceled)

37.   (Previously presented) A computer having a processor capable of reading a computer-readable medium to execute instructions to cause the computer to:

receive a print job;

wrap the print job with a unique job identifier to create a wrapped print job;

send the wrapped print job to a printer;

obtain pre-print information from an operating system;

obtain post-print information from the printer;

correlate the pre-print information and the post-print information associated with the unique job identifier; and

store the correlated pre-print information and post print information for later reference.

38.   (Canceled)

39.   (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the pre-print information includes information as to an owner of the document.

40.   (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the pre-print information includes information as to an application that was used to create the document.

41.   (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the post-print information includes information as to time required to print.

42.   (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the post-print information includes information as to a quantity of toner used to print.

43.   (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the post-print information includes information as to success or failure of printing.